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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRADE
MISSION TO U.S.

FROM AF/W

REF: LAGOS 6234 AND PREVIOUS

1. GARBARINO OF N/A CHAMBER IN NEW YORK HAS ARRANGED THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR VISITING TRADE DELEGATION FOR JUNE 13 AT BILTMORE HOTEL:

9:00 RECEPTION AND COFFEE
9:30 TO 11:00 DELEGATION LEADER AND HIS DESIGNEES TO EACH
GIVE 10-15 MINUTE PRESENTATION ON POTENTIAL
FOR US INVESTMENT IN AND TRADE WITH NIGERIA
(BY SECTORS)

11:00 TO 12:00 DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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12:00 COCKTAILS

12:30 LUNCHEON: SPEAKER: PETER CHAVEAS, COUNTRY OFFICER
NIGERIA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2. GARBARINO SAYS PRIVATE BUSINESS CONSULTATIONS BEING ARRANGED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 12 AND TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE

13 IN NEW YORK.

3. SWISSAIR IN NEW YORK HAS MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT FOLLOWING HOTELS BUT IS IN NEED OF URGENT AUTHORIZATION FROM SWISSAIR LAGOS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DEPOSITS AND THUS KEEP RESERVATIONS:

NEW YORK.....HOTEL ROOSEVELT

CHICAGO.....CONRAD HILTON

ATLANTA.....ATLANTA HILTON

HOUSTON.....HOLIDAY INN ASTRODOME

LOS ANGELES...L.A. HILTON

WASHINGTON....DUPONT PLAZA

SWISSAIR CAN ARRANGE FOR GROUND TRANSPORT IN EACH CITY, TO AND FROM AIRPORT, AT AN ADDITIONAL FEE. WE STRONGLY URGE DELEGATION TO AVAL ITSELF OF THIS SERVICE AS IT WILL SAVE ALL CONCERNED MANY LOGISTICAL HEADACHES.

4. SWISSAIR WILL SOON PROVIDE US WITH ETA AND ETD IN EACH CITY ON ITINERARY SO THAT WE MAY PLAN APPROPRIATE EVENTS FOR EACH CITY TO BE VISITED. COMMENT: AT THIS TIME WE ARE LOATH TO SUGGEST ANY MAJOR PLANNING CHANGES BUT ARE AMAZED AT N/A CHAMBER DECISION TO UTILIZE SWISSAIR FOR 20 DAY TRADE MISSION TO UNITED STATES WHEN PAN AMERICAN HAS LAGOS OFFICE AND ROUTES TO NEW YORK FROM BOTH

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LAGOS AND LONDON. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IRKSOME IN VIEW OF FACT U.S. EMBASSY AND USG DEPARTMENTS IN WASHINGTON ARE DOING VIRTUALLY ALL PLANNING FOR VISITING MISSION WITH NO CONTRIBUTION BY NIGERIAN EMBASSY HERE AND FMG IN LAGOS. END COMMENT. -

5. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ON SCHEDULE AS IT DEVELOPS.

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